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The Senate met at 10 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Dear Father, this morning we praise You for four great Americans who have distinguished themselves in the Presidential and Vice Presidential elections: George W. Bush, AL GORE, Dick Cheney, and JOE LIEBERMAN. We admire their fervent desire to serve our Nation and their tireless efforts to make their visions known. Now, after all the protracted debate and prolonged legal battles, we ask You to heal our land. Unite us in a renewed commitment to patriotism more than party spirit, to dedication more than divisiveness, to reconciliation more than recrimination. Motivated by love for You and America, we pledge our support and loyalty to George W. Bush and Dick Cheney as they prepare to assume executive leadership of our Government. Bless them with inspired vision and impelling courage. In equal measure, uplift and encourage AL GORE and JOE LIEBERMAN as they continue to glorify You in their lives and leadership. Replenish and renew them in body and soul. Throughout the Nation, may people neither gloat over victory nor grimace over defeat but move on with hope. Silence divisive, disruptive voices that would ig-

nite and inflame disunity. Help the Senators to be healing agents as they exemplify for the American people civility, graciousness, and oneness. And why not, Lord? This is our own, our beloved land. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JIM BUNNING, a Senator from the State of Kentucky, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BUNNING). The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will be in a period of morning business for a short time today.

The Senate was expected to consider the final appropriations bill during today's session. However, because of changes in the House schedule, the Senate will not begin consideration of the final package until tomorrow morning pending its receipt from the

House. It is hoped that the House can complete action shortly after noon tomorrow. Senators will be updated on the vote time throughout the day today.

I think that probably covers the concerns of my colleagues, and I thank my colleagues for their attention.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 12 noon with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each and with the time to be equally divided in the usual form.

The Senator from Idaho.

VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE AND PRESIDENT-ELECT GEORGE W. BUSH SPEECHES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I think I speak for all Senators on my side of the aisle and probably for all Members of the Senate when I say that last night we watched with great attention the speeches given by Vice President

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